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SUBJECT: Further Comments re Political Situation in Guatemala.

Information has been received from the Chinese Ambassador which reflected that the Colombian Ambassador was in conversation with Castillo Armas some weeks before Armas' assassination. During this conversation the Colombian Ambassador was advised by Armas that he was highly concerned about the number of Communists in his Government and that he was instituting steps to effect their removal.

It has also been learned from the wife of the Guatemalan Ambassador that the Ambassador believes that the political climate in Guatemala while presently quiet, will not long so remain and that it is expected that the Communists will take over the Government. It was further observed that the present Government has within its midst many Communists in all departments who are remaining under cover until an appropriate time for the disclosure of their true political beliefs.

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